

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate May 2016 as "Girl Scouts Gold Award Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, the Girl Scouts of America have helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the highest rank of achievement in Girl Scouts and was originally called the Golden Eaglet of Merit; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the highest award in Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, in 100 years, one million girls have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients distinguish themselves in the college admissions process and earn college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients who join the armed services enter at one rank higher than other recruits; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients solve a problem in their community, designing a long-term solution; and

WHEREAS, each year, Gold Award recipients contribute more than 6,560 hours of service in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, we all owe a substantial debt of gratitude to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients for their contributions to our State and the world; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pay special tribute to 100 years of Girl Scout Gold Award winners on the occasion of the Gold Award Centennial; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the Girl Scouts of Tennessee as they celebrate May 2016 as "Girl Scouts Gold Award Month" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.